



## Cycling New Zealand Road and Track Council Newsletter

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Welcome to my first Newsletter as President.

There has been a lot happening in the short time since the AGM. Firstly we have been working with Cycling New Zealand to facilitate our National Championships. As you will all be aware from communications from Cycling New Zealand, the dates and venues have all been announced for most of our 2017 Championships. There has been a lot of background work done to come up with the dates and venues. There is a long list of sometime conflicting challenges we have to tackle before awarding where the championships are held and when. The country as a whole need to benefit from these appointments. So I am happy with what we have achieved so far.

### Venues and Dates so far-

Elite Road Nationals in Napier on 6-8<sup>th</sup> of Jan 2017

<http://www.elitenationals.co.nz/>

Elite/U19 Track Nationals in Invercargill on 2-5<sup>th</sup> of Feb 2017

Age Group Track Nationals in Cambridge on 15-19<sup>th</sup> of March 2017

Age Group Road Nationals in Cambridge on 5-7<sup>th</sup> of May 2017

<http://dynamoevents.co.nz/event/age-group-road-national-championships-2017/>

criterium Nationals to be advised.

You will note the above name change in the Club Road Nationals to Age Group Road Nationals. This has come about to make the Event more marketable and to reflect what the event is about. It is a championship for all age groups from your clubs to come and compete together as a club at our Nationals. Also you will note it is now over 3 days instead of 4 days to lessen the impact of the World Masters Games and the fact it has had to move outside the school holidays. This change has been worked on by the technical and events panels in conjunction with the event organiser to make sure it can work and it will.

Cycling New Zealand Road and Track Council is your national body for our sport. It has a role to govern and develop our sport. We split the Council up into sub committees to help achieve this aim.

This year, as in previous years, we have split the council up into sub committees that work alongside Cycling New Zealand to help us achieve this. The sub committees are-

**Technical-** Mark Ireland, Erin Criglington and Graeme Bell (seconded onto panel)

**Events-** Mike Sim and Andrew McKay

**Development, High Performance and Coaching-** Garry Bell, Graham Bunn and Steve Canny.

**Membership-** Erin Criglington, Ivan Aplin, Steve Canny, Mark Ireland and Steve Hurring

We also have delegates for each Island to represent the Centres from these areas.

**South Island-** Erin Criglington, Assisting Erin is Brian Roulston and Steve Canny.

**North Island** – Graham Bunn and Andrew McKay

These delegates are for Centres to bring their concerns to. Centres are where Clubs bring their concerns and ideas to in the first instance and if not getting the help they require, then they can contact their Island delegates. So we have a setup that we believe allows all members to have their say. And with all organisations we have the final person to pass things to which is the President who is available to listen and help as well.

So it runs like this-

- Members can contact their Club for any issues or help.
- The Club if it can't help approaches the Centre from that area.
- If the Centre can't help, the Centre approaches their Island delegate or someone on Council to assist.
- The Council member will then bring it to Council.

It is a very simple system and has worked very well in the past and should work well again this year. The knowledge on Council is huge and with the backing of Cycling New Zealand will make molehills out of mountains.

Attached to Council or Council attached to them, it depends on your thinking, are some employees of Cycling New Zealand. They are there to assist in the running and development of our sport. Ultimately the final decisions in the running and development of our sport lies with Council.

High performance is another kettle of fish. This is funded predominantly through Sport NZ. It is reliant on results to continue to exist. Council has some say in high performance but in reality very little. We assist where we can but we have in our sport some very capable staff to run and control our high performance area. Results over the last 10 or so years show that it is working. Seeing all those World Champions showing off their rainbow jerseys is testimony that it is working.

Regional Performance Hubs are finally becoming a reality for our sport. These should be a positive step in the development of athletes 'further down the chain'. Cambridge is up and going. Otago/Southland is in its final process with the coaching position being advertised this week. Also in the wings are two more Hubs. So it is looking very good for the development of our sport.

Our sport is one that relies very heavily on volunteers' support. Without it we just wouldn't have a sport. So it is very pleasing to have two of our life members awarded National honours for their work in our sport. John McDonnell received the honour of Order of NZ Merit (ONZM) and in the recent Queens Birthday honours Graham Sycamore has been made a Member of New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) for Services to Cycling. Great recognition to two fantastic members of our cycling fraternity.

All the best for the upcoming Season. I hope to see as many members as possible at the Nationals over the summer either competing or supporting. Good Luck.

Yours in Cycling

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